

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement alleging that the application claims two separate inventions. Specifically, the Examiner identified the inventions as being :

Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to a skin binding peptide; and

Group II, claims 15-24, drawn to a hair binding peptide.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.142, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-14, without traverse. Thus, Claims 1-14 are pending, and Claims 15-24 are withdrawn.

Further, the Examiner has required that Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable." The Examiner required Applicants to "select one SEQ ID NO: from 1-24 ...and one sequence cluster from SQE ID NO:25-33 or 57-62" (See page 3 of the Office Action)."

Accordingly, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO: 5 and sequence cluster of SEQ ID NO:32.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 13, and 14 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants reserve the right pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.141 to pursue claims to the non-elected species in this application in the event that a generic claim is found allowable. Applicants also reserve the right pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions or species during the pendency of the present application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that this paper fully addresses the Restriction Requirement mailed March 7, 2008. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (650) 846-7636.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC788-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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